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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4564

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJ :TWO OPPOSITION MPS VISIT MOZAMBIQUE

1. TWO OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT HAVE
JOINED THE NEVER-ENDING FLOW OF VISITORS TO MOZAMBIQUE.
UNITED PARTY FRONT-BENCHER LIONEL MURRAY TOLD PRESS OVER WEEKEND
THAT DURING PARLIAMENT'S EASTER RECESS HE HAD TRAVELED TO
LOURENCO MARQUES ON 'SELF-EDUCATIONAL TOUR'. MURRAY
STATED THAT HE HAD CONFERRED WITH SEVERAL FRELIMO LEADERS.
HE DECLINED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES,EXCEPT AS WHITE AIDE TO CHISSANA.
MURRAY'S MESSAGE TO PRESS WAS THAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST ACT
SELFLESSLY AND IMMEDIATELY TO AID MOZAMBIQUE. 'IF WE DON'T,
THE RUSSIANS OR CHINESE WILL, AND THEY WILL DEMAND
THEIR SLICE OF FLESH IN RETURN'. HE SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED
MINISTER MULLER OF HIS INTENT TO MEET WITH FREELIMO REPRESENTATIVES
PRIOR TO MAKING THE TRIP.

2. MURRAY'S PRESS STATEMENT PROMPTED PROGRESSIVE PARTY MP GORDON WADDELL TO DISCLOSE THAT HE TOO HAD VISITED UNCLASSIFIED

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MOZAMBIQUE AND MET WITH CHISSANO ON MARCH 13. THE PURPOSE

OF HIS VISIT WAS PRIMARILY TO DISCUSSANGLO-AMERICAN CORPORATION BUSINESS MATTERS. WADDELL IS AN EXECUTIVE OF THE OPPENHEIMER-HEADED ORGANIZATION. HE SAID HE FOUND CHISSANO TO BE 'AN IMPRESSIVE PERSON' AND THAT IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH HIM (CARRIED ON IN ENGLISH), HE GOT IMPRESSION THAT FRELIMO LEADERS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR WELFARE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ITS ECONOMY. WADDELL STATED THAT HE FELT THAT FRELIMO WOULD NOT ACT SOLELY SLONG 'DOCTRINAIRE LINES. HE ALSO SAID THAT CHISSANA HAD REITERATED TO HIM FRELIMO OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID, AND STATED THAT IT MUST BE ABOLISHED IN ORDER TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND MOZAMBIQUE.

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